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SUBJECT: GKR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AT FORTHCOMING
GENEVA AND VIENNA CONFERENCES

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1. QUESTION OF KHMER CREDENTIALS DID NOT RPT NOT ARISE
AT FIRST SESSION OF LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, AND DEPT HAS
NO RPT NO EVIDENCE IT WILL BE RAISED AT SECOND SESSION.
GKR HAS REQUESTED US SUPPORT IN CASE ISSUE DOES COME UP,
AND GKR DELEGATION WILL MAKE EARLY CONTACT WITH US DELE-
GATION IN THIS RESPECT.

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2. US DELEGATION SHOULD OF COURSE GIVE FULL AND ACTIVE SUPPORT TO UPHOLDING GKR CREDENTIALS IF THESE ARE CHALLENGED. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH GKR AND OTHER FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS (PARTICULARLY INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND) ON WAYS TO MEET CHALLENGE. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, ALLOW GKR AND OTHER ASIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE THE LEAD IN OPPOSING CHALLENGE AND COUNTERING STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD REGRETTING ABSENCE OF PRINCE SIHANOUK'S GRUNK.

3. FOLLOWING IS U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CHALLENGES TO GKR'S CREDENTIALS IN UN FORA. WHILE LOW CONFERENCE NOT RPT NOT CONVENED BY UN, IT OPERATES UNDER UN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OUR ARGUMENTS ARE PERTINENT. WE ALSO BELIEVE RULE 32 SHOULD APPLY TO ANY CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE.

4. U.S. DOES NOT REGARD PRINCE SIHANOUK'S GRUNK AS HAVING ANY ATTRIBUTES OF A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT; IT IS A REGIME IN EXILE. KHMER REPUBLIC CONTINUES TO CONTROL CAMBODIA'S CAPITAL, URBAN AREAS AND A MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION.

5. ON NOVEMBER 29, 1974 H- 29TH GA ADOPTED RESOLUTION 3238(XXIX) WHICH, INTER ALIA, EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT CAMBODIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. ITS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS: (1) CALLED UPON POWERS INFLUENCING THE TWO CAMBODIAN PARTIES TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES FOR CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING PEACE IN CAMBODIA; (2) REQUESTED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO LEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE TWO CONTENDING PARTIES AND TO REPORT TO THE 30TH GA; AND (3) DECIDED NOT TO PRESS FOR ANY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL MEMBER STATES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE SYG'S REPORT. RESOLUTION 3238, ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 56(US)-54 WITH 24 ABSTENTIONS, LEFT THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN CAMBODIA'S UN SEAT. A SUBSEQUENT CHALLENGE TO THE KHMER REPUBLIC'S CREDENTIALS WAS DEFEATED ON DECEMBER 17, 1974 BY A VOTE OF 53-61(US) WITH 19 ABSTENTIONS.

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6. US FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE CONFERENCE'S WORK SHOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED TO ENTERTAIN A POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH THE UNGA ITSELF AND, IN EFFECT, FIRST SESSION OF LOW CONFERENCE HAVE ALREADY DECIDED. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ATTEMPTS AT THE CONFERENCE TO OUST THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND SEAT GRUNK WOULD CONTRAVENE GA RESOLUTION 3238 WHICH COUNSELED AGAINST OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AND DECIDED TO PRESS FOR NO FURTHER ACTION ON CAMBODIA UNTIL 30TH GA.

ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE TO SEAT GRUNK WOULD CONSTITUTE
BOTH OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIA'S AFFAIRS AND THE
"FURTHER ACTION" WHICH THE 29TH GA RULED OUT.

7. FOR VIENNA: US DELEGATION HAS DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS
ON THIS ISSUE.
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